



October Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, October 6 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with
Torah reading

Sukkot and Consecration Service

Saturday, October 7 | 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah: Gabe Reyzis

Wednesday, October 11 | 7 pm

Simchat Torah Service

(Congregational Dinner at 6 pm)

Friday, October 13 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, October 20 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Come Grow With Me! Shabbat

Friday, October 27 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Mazal Tov!

The congregation is invited to celebrate together during Shabbat services on Saturday, October 7, at 10:30 am. **Gabe Reyzis**, the son of Rebecca and Leonid Reyzis, will become Bar Mitzvah.

Keep In Touch With Us!

Please let us know when you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, ill, or bereaved, or would just enjoy a call from the rabbi or a member of the Caring Community. We also love hearing good news, such as a birth or other *simcha!* In order to better serve the congregation, please share this information with Rabbi Vann by calling the office at 216.991.0700, or by emailing Rabbi Vann directly at avann@suburbantemple.org.

Spread Over Us Your Sukkat Shalom— Shelter of Peace



During Sukkot, we build temporary booths. One purpose of these booths is to recall the huts of the ancient Israelites as they wandered the desert.

Moving from place to place, the Israelites had no sense of permanence. Their end goal was the Promised Land. The safe, sacred space promised to them by God: a home.

As I sat down to write this article—which will be published weeks after I write it—and learned that President Trump had ended what is known as DACA. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, for those known as DREAMers, which affects hundreds of thousands of children brought to the United States by undocumented immigrants.

What was DACA? DACA allowed for those who were brought to the U.S. as children or teens before mid-2007 to apply for protection from deportation. It also allowed them to apply for work permits if they met certain requirements. *Importantly, the program did not provide lawful immigration status.* Rather, it granted a deferral from possibly being deported from the U.S. (possibly without their families). The deferrals and work permits were granted for two-year periods and could be renewed for additional two-year periods.

The question about children of undocumented immigrants—these children who had no power over their traveling status—has long been a dilemma. It is, admittedly, no easy problem to solve. The wind-down of DACA brings this problem again into sharp focus: these young men and women can be deported, perhaps to a country that they do not remember, or have ever lived in. In one estimate, this affects nearly 800,000 DREAMers. Many have served our country in the military; are currently enrolled in college; have a trade or are otherwise benefitting our country.

On this Sukkot, we think of those who have a home—and wish only to be able to *continue* to call it home. Please call your governmental officials and encourage them to act on behalf of the DREAMers. They love the United States, and they make our country a better place.

(Perhaps, after this article is published, we will find that our legislature will have come together in bipartisan support on this crucially important issue. If that is the case, we will indeed celebrate.) 

Rabbi Allison Vann
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* Beneficiaries of DACA had to be under the age of 16 upon entering the country; no older than 31 as of June 15, 2012; lived continuously in the U.S. since mid-2007; be enrolled in high school or college, already have a diploma or degree, have a GED certificate or be an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. military; and have no felony criminal convictions, significant misdemeanor convictions, no more than three other misdemeanor convictions or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

From Brett's Desk:



Philanthropy. Charity. Fundraising. Tzedakah. You've heard each of these terms. And, no doubt, you've participated in making the world a better place through

your personal and collective philanthropy. We know that one gift combined with a second, a third, and more results in a successful campaign. For many campaigns, the goals are both a gift total and a number of gifts. Both represent the strength of your campaign, program, or agency.

Each year, Giving USA releases their analysis of charitable giving for the previous year. Do you know what sector ALWAYS is at the top? That's correct, religious organizations like ST-KA. In 2016, 32% of all charitable dollars went to religious organizations.

This is where you come in!

Each of you makes a wonderful gift to the Suburban Temple-Kol Ami for your membership, our Open Doors program. However, Open Doors commitments only make up about 55% of our needed income. We rely on grants, rentals, and our endowment for additional funds. Finally, we look to you again through our annual campaign. This year, the annual campaign is moving closer to the High Holy Days. It will begin later this week as we celebrate Sukkot. Sukkot is our fall harvest festival, representing both the bounty of what we have and highlighting that which is missing. We need you to help fill the gap. When you receive a pledge form in the mail, please make the best possible gift that you can to our annual campaign. It is only through your generosity that we can close the gap.

B'shalom,

Brett Shankman,
Executive Director
bshankman@suburbantemple.org

From our Board of Trustees Reaching Out

This coming June 7-9, Suburban Temple-Kol Ami will host a multi-day event exploring spirituality and the LGBT community featuring Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, from Philadelphia. *Reaching Out*, will feature a one-day professional development event for social workers, case managers, psychologists, recreation and activity professionals.

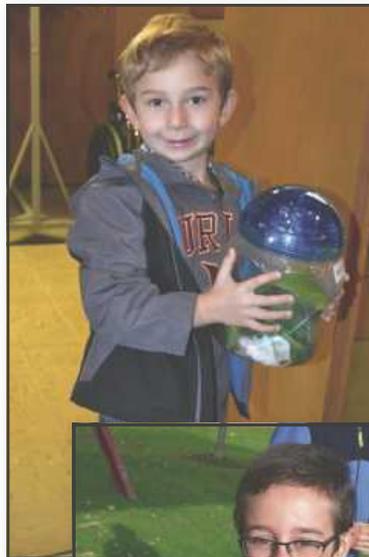
We will also be hosting a clergy breakfast, for area Rabbis, Pastors and Ministers, hosted by Rabbi Vann. Our congregation, along with the community, will have the opportunity to celebrate a festive Pride Shabbat service, with a special Oneg and a Havdalah ceremony with a social program.

Initial plans for these events are underway, we are working on the education programs, marketing and sponsorship plans, but we welcome members of the congregation to become involved in other program areas, to volunteer during the events with behind the scenes logistics or become a financial supporter through in-kind or financial donations. As the event draws closer, detailed information will be available on the Temple website. For additional information on the program, please contact Lori Rosenberg at reachingout@suburbantemple.org.

Lori Rosenberg, Trustee

Save the Date for The Blessing of the Pets!

Our Pet Blessing event will be **Saturday, October 14, 11 am** at Beachwood City Park West. Parking is available in the lot located on Shaker Eastbound between Green and Richmond. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a walk.



From our Director of Lifelong Learning If You Will It, It Is No Dream



If You Will It, It Is No Dream. These famous words from Theodor Hertzl were spoken about the creation of the modern state of Israel, but I believe they also ring true for Our

Tent. Just over three years ago a Lifelong Learning Task Force came together to dream big about what could be possible and exciting in Jewish education. We studied, we discussed, we became a committee, we sought input and advice, we planned, and in the end our dream became a reality!

Our Tent opened on September 10, and the morning was filled with creativity, learning, and enthusiasm from members of all ages. We built a tent together, which is on display in our learning wing. We had the inaugural session of all our classes, and our first T'filah (worship) experience. And we

joined each other for lunch and tie-dyeing. In our first trimester, we exceeded our enrollment goals, and the learning and excitement has grown with each passing week. We willed it, and we made our dreams come true.

Registration for second trimester is already open, and we hope you will join us, and become part of this amazing dream. Some of the classes we are offering include: What Would Hillel Do: Wisdom for the Ages; Tu, Tu, Tu, No Kanana Hora: Jews and Their Superstitions; Happy Birthday Israel: Let's Go to the Movies; The Long and Winding Road: Our Personal Journey with Judaism. There is something for EVERYONE! For a full list of classes and to register, please visit our website at www.suburbantemple.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Our Tent!

Rabbi Shana Nyer
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Lifelong Learning

For all programs listed below please RSVP to Robin Smith at 216.991.0700 or at lifelonglearning@suburbantemple.org

Menchkins

Sunday, October 8, 9:15 am

Get your chef's hats and aprons on for our first event of the year! All 0-4-year-olds and their families are invited to **Lucy's Sweet Surrender** (20314 Chagrin Blvd, Shaker Heights, OH 44120) to bake fall fruit treats for Sukkot. This program is free and open to the community, so tell your friends with Jewish kids!

Parent's Night Out

Would you like a date night? Or a night out with friends? Let our professionally trained teachers, Kathy Klein and Heidi Mell, and their assistants, Shayna Mell and Bri Adamsom watch your children while you go and enjoy yourselves! All children 1 year and older are welcome to join us **October 14, from 5-8 pm** for a pizza dinner, activities, *havdalah*, and a movie in pajamas. The cost is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family for the whole evening, and this program is open to the community, so tell your friends with Jewish kids!

Come Grow with Me Shabbat

Join us for a brief, fun and interactive service for families with very young children (ages 0-7) on **Friday, October 20 at 6 pm**. There will be music by Lauren Smith and a story by Rabbi Shana followed by Shabbat dinner. So come as we celebrate Shabbat!

NEW THIS YEAR Older children (3rd grade and older) become *Ozrim*—Helpers! They are invited to join Rabbi Vann in the Sanctuary and HELP her lead services until dinner is served!

The evening is free and open to the community so invite your friends with Jewish children.



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Don't miss your chance to be part of something amazing!

Visit
www.suburbantemple.org/ourtent
to register for the second trimester of Our Tent.

Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mazal tov to our members who are celebrating milestone birthdays in October:

**Flora Blumenthal
Marlin Farver
Fran Greenfield
Larry Greenwald
Brynda Ivan
Edie Lewis
Marvin Lewis
Herbert Neides
David Paris
Maryann Wormser**

Milestone birthday listings begin at age 50 and every five years afterward.

All birthdays 100 and over are listed.

Milestone anniversaries begin at ten years and continue every five years thereafter.

ST-KA Technology Update

ST-KA Joins AmazonSmile

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Did you know that shopping on Amazon.com can benefit ST-KA? We have signed up with AmazonSmile, which donates a small percentage of every purchase to our congregation. Please visit smile.amazon.com and choose Suburban Temple-Kol Ami as your preferred charity. Then, change your Amazon bookmark to smile.amazon.com for future purchases! There is no extra cost to you and you can use your usual amazon.com account. Start at smile.amazon.com each time you shop!

Live Streaming Service Information

Don't forget, you can watch Kabbalat Shabbat services live (or recorded) on our website. Please visit www.suburbantemple.org and click on the live stream menu at the top.

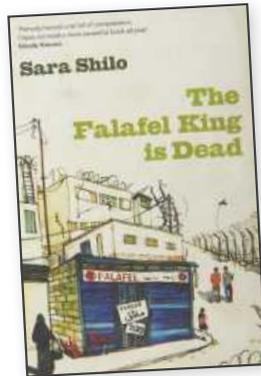
WiFi For Everyone!

Suburban Temple-Kol Ami has WiFi available to all of our guests. If you have a WiFi capable device and wish to connect, simply use the guest password "Temple2016."

Happy & Healthy 5778 from Kol Nashim!



The leaves are changing, the temperature is getting cooler, seems like the perfect time to read a good book or two. Our book club, chaired by Karen Schneiderman, will get underway on **Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm**. The first read is *The Falafel King is Dead* by Sara Shilo. Ms. Shilo's powerful debut novel recounts the life of an ordinary Israeli family over the course of a single, extraordinary day in prose that has never been encountered in contemporary Hebrew literature. This raw, lyrical, shocking and moving book is a National Jewish Book Award Winner.

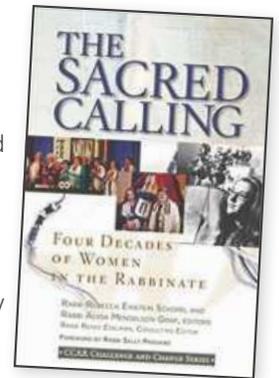


Your RSVP is appreciated by Monday, October 23 to Dale at dhopkins@suburbantemple.org. This will be at Susan's home, address and directions shared upon registration.

Mark Your Calendar:
The Sacred Calling: Four Decades Of Women In The Rabbinate is on the lineup of the JCC Book Festival for Sunday evening,

Registration information will be available in future announcements and through the JCC.

November 5 at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami. Edited by Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr and Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf, colleagues of Rabbis Vann & Nyer, this anthology won the 2016 National Jewish Book Award in Women's Studies.



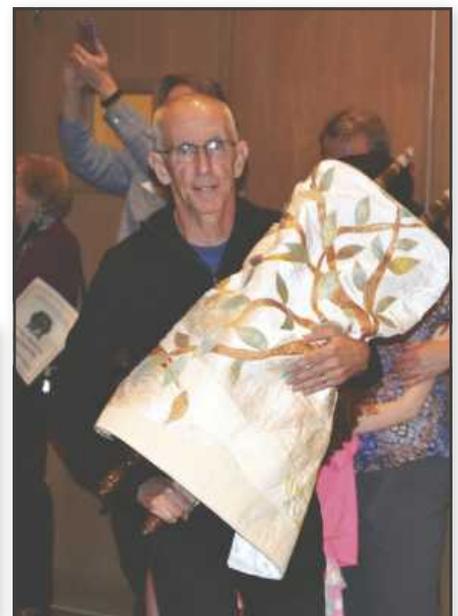
No longer are women rabbis a unique phenomenon, rather they are part of the fabric of Jewish life. This collection examines the ways in which the reality of women in the rabbinate has impacted on all aspects of Jewish life, including congregational culture, liturgical development, life cycle ritual, the Jewish healing movement, spirituality, theology, and more.

We are honored to host this community event and need your help as a greeter, hostess or baker. Let Karen, Vice President, know how you can assist at 440.759.4232.

Happy reading!
Susan Gordon Merdler
Kol Nashim President
STKAKolNashim@gmail.com

Join Us For Simchat Torah

Please join us **on Wednesday, October 11** for an evening of music, celebration, and dance as we read the last and first passages from the holy Torah. Workmen's Circle Klezmer Orchestra will play for us once again. A light dinner will be available at **6 pm** for all congregants and Simchat Torah services will begin at **7 pm**.



October Programs, Events, and Meetings

Torah study meets every Saturday morning from 9:15-10:15 am. Join Rabbi Vann in the Gries Library for bagels and open discussion about the Torah.

- Tues., October 3** **7 pm** | Jay Berk: Teens and Mental Illness seminar
- Wed., October 4** **5 pm** | Sukkah Build
- Thurs., October 5** **FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT – TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED**
- Sat. October 7** **10:30 am** | Gabe Reyzis Bar Mitzvah
- Sun., October 8** **10 am** | Menchkins
- Mon., October 9** **7 pm** | Board of Trustees Meeting
- Wed., October 11** **LAST DAY OF SUKKOT – TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED**
6 pm | Dinner
7 pm | Simchat Torah
- Sat., October 14** **11 am** | Blessing of the Pets
5 pm | Parents' Night Out
- Tues., October 17** **6:30 pm** | Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
- Wed., October 18** **5:30 pm** | Tikkun Olam Committee meeting
7 pm | Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting
- Thurs., October 19** **7 pm** | Intro to Judaism class
- Mon., October 23** **5:30 pm** | Development Committee meeting
7 pm | Finance Committee Meeting
- Tues., October 24** **6:30 pm** | Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
- Wed., October 25** **7 pm** | Executive Committee Meeting
- Mon., October 30** **7 pm** | Jay Berk: Teens and Mental Illness seminar

It's Time to Build the Sukkah!

Please join us for our annual Sukkah build on **Wednesday, October 4 at 5 pm** until we finish! This is a great opportunity to learn about Sukkot while performing the mitzvah of building and eating in the Sukkah! The program is sponsored by the Men's Club, but ALL members are welcome to join us.



We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Contributions

Please consider making a contribution to Suburban Temple-Kol Ami to celebrate a special occasion, express gratitude or sympathy, or honor important accomplishments. A current list of Temple funds is available from the Temple office. Donations may be made online at www.suburbantemple.org. Donations listed below were received between August 1 and August 31, 2017. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Bimah Flower Fund

In loving memory of
Lee Handel
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Shabbat Acknowledgments

We are grateful to the following people who helped make our August worship services a beautiful experience.

Blessings: Howard Feldenkris, Matt, Jackie and Samantha Greenfield, Matt Lehman, Carson, Carly and Cathi Siegel, Jonathan Siegel

Torah Blessings: Steve Greenfield

Announcements: Lori Rosenberg, Kim Rosner

Ushers: Noreen Bertman, Lesly Kohner, Jan Lieblich, Debra Light, Susan Merdler, Flossy and Dennis Mitchell, Karen Shapiro

Bimah Flowers and Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

On August 25, bimah flowers were gifts from **Amy Handel** in loving memory of **Lee Handel**.

Our Temple Family

Mazal tov to all who joined us for Opening Day of Our Tent! A great time was had by all!



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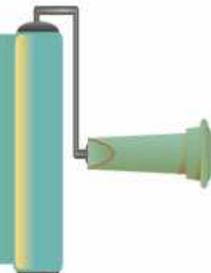
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